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With Multi-Family Recycling

Think Reduce and Recycle at Apartments and Condominiums in Montgomery County, Maryland

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SAVE THE DATE

2008

November 15, 2008

America Recycles Day

- Visit County-sponsored events at locations throughout the County (see page 2).
- Call us to help coordinate your property's event.

November 18, 2008

TRRAC Seminar

*Bethesda North Marriott
Hotel and Conference Center
5701 Marinelli Road
North Bethesda, Maryland 20852
10:00 am - 2:00 pm*

2009

February 1, 2009

*Annual Recycling and Waste
Reduction Reports are due.*

March 19, 2009

TRRAC Seminar

*Gaithersburg Marriott
Washingtonian Center
9751 Washingtonian Boulevard
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878
10:00 am - 2:00 pm*

April 22, 2009

Earth Day

Look for special events county-wide.

Recycling Seminar: Training, Tips, and Tricks

Want to "go green?" Are you working to improve your property's environmental image? For your residents, one of the most visible green components of your property is your recycling program. Join us for the TRRAC Seminar for Multi-Family Properties on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, to review Montgomery County's recycling regulations, discuss the components a successful recycling program, and strategize on ways to energize your residents and improve recycling participation. County staff will answer your questions and share proven strategies on setting up recycling programs that are cost effective and easy to maintain. In addition to presentations by County staff, you will hear from a local property manager on how to implement and maintain recycling programs. You will also interact with other property management representatives who have their own creative solutions to recycling challenges. The seminar will provide:

- Details on County recycling regulations and information on what materials must be recycled and why.
- Information on the County's expanded plastics recycling program and whether or not it applies to your property.
- Strategies for increasing recycling participation through resident and staff education.
- Information on how TRRAC services help enhance your recycling program.
- An opportunity to share lessons learned and recycling success stories with other property managers.

Register for this seminar today! Everyone is welcome to attend, and there is no registration fee. The seminar will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center located at 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda. To register, call 240-899-2222, e-mail lisa@bwfcom.com, or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling. If you are unable to attend this seminar, save the date for the spring seminar on March 19, 2009.





Join millions of Americans nationwide in celebrating America Recycles Day on **Saturday, November 15th**. America Recycles Day promotes the social, environmental, and economic benefits of recycling and encourages more people to join the movement toward creating a better natural environment through increased recycling. Montgomery County is hosting several events throughout the county on Saturday, November 15:

- Encourage your residents to stop by the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center (3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring) or the Upcounty Regional Services Center (12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown) between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm to shred their residential confidential papers and donate reusable clothing and small household goods.
- Residents can also drop off household hazardous waste at a collection event from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Westland Middle School (5511 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda).
- Residents may also see County staff at local businesses providing information on reducing, reusing, and recycling waste as well as buying products made with recycled content.

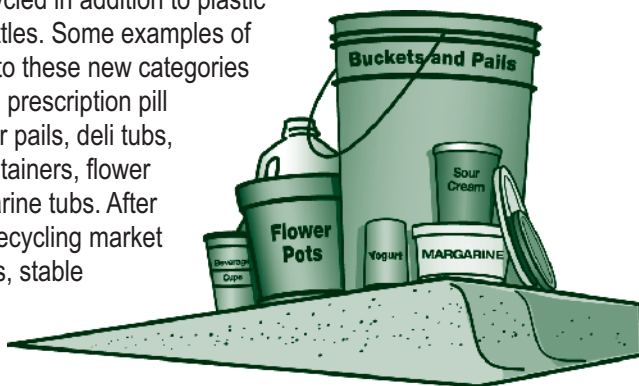
For more information and a list of events, please contact us at 240-777-6400 or visit our Web site at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling.

Join in and promote recycling at your property on November 15th! Every little bit helps.

- Distribute recycling brochures and/or in-unit recycling containers.
- Replace the posters and labels in your collection areas.
- Survey the common areas for locations where additional recycling containers would be helpful. Provide the containers, and let the residents know why!
- Survey your collection areas to see if additional or larger containers would help address persistent overflow problems. Work with your collector to increase the recycling capacity.
- Kick-off a recycling competition.
- Initiate a resident recycling team (let them do the work!).

Montgomery County Expands its Plastics Recycling Program

"While our recycling program has been among the tops in the country, we've found a way to make it even better," County Executive Isiah Leggett said on July 1, announcing Montgomery County's expansion of the types of plastics now acceptable for recycling at the County Recycling Center. Plastic containers, jars, tubs, pails, buckets, and lids, as well as plastic flower pots, can now be recycled in addition to plastic narrow-neck bottles. Some examples of items that fall into these new categories are yogurt cups, prescription pill bottles, kitty litter pails, deli tubs, plastic soup containers, flower pots, and margarine tubs. After monitoring the recycling market for several years, stable markets now exist for these plastics.



Does it apply to your property? It depends.

The expansion automatically applies to single-family residents with County-provided curbside recycling collection service because their materials are brought to our Recycling Center. Multi-family recyclable materials are taken to a variety of recycling centers in the metropolitan area, including the Montgomery County Recycling Center. Our plastics recycling expansion only applies to multi-family properties if their recyclable material is brought to our Recycling Center. However, other recycling centers in the region are quickly expanding their programs as well to take these additional plastics. To find out if you and your residents can recycle the additional plastics, contact your recycling collector and find out where they take your recyclable materials and whether or not that facility will accept the additional types of plastics. If the collector says the facility will not accept additional materials, ask them to take your material to a facility that will accept the material. You may also consider finding a different collector who will accept the additional plastics.

Questions? Please call the TRRAC program at 240-777-6446.



Montgomery County's Shady Grove Transfer Station/Recycling Center now recycles additional plastics. Contact your recycling collector today to see if your property can too.



Recycling Enforcement

The following properties were issued Notices of Violation and/or citations for non-compliance with County solid waste laws and/or recycling regulations. All properties are now in compliance, unless noted otherwise. The violation observed is listed below the property name.

Properties in **bold** received a citation for the violations in **bold**.
* Cases still pending.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2007 – AUGUST 29, 2008

1006 Quebec Terrace, Silver Spring
Solid waste stored outside proper containers

1010 Quebec Terrace, Silver Spring
Solid waste stored outside proper containers

Archstone Gaithersburg, Gaithersburg
Failure to recycle required materials

Ashford at Woodlake, Silver Spring
Failure to submit a Waste Reduction and Recycling Report

Astoria Hill Condominium, Germantown
Failure to provide containers for required recyclable materials

Avery Park Apartments, Silver Spring
Solid waste stored outside proper containers

Beacon Place Apartments, Gaithersburg
Solid waste stored outside proper containers
Failure to recycle required materials

Bentley Place Condominiums, Rockville
Failure to submit a Waste Reduction and Recycling Report

Canterbury Apartments, Germantown
Failure to recycle required materials

Chase Ridge Apartments, Silver Spring
Failure to recycle required materials

Cinnamon Run Apartments, Silver Spring
Failure to recycle required materials

Croydon Manor, Silver Spring
Failure to provide containers for required recyclable materials

Discovery IV Condominium, Rockville
Solid waste stored outside proper containers

Eton Place Condominium, Germantown
Failure to provide containers for required recyclable materials

Farmingdale Condominiums, Germantown
Solid waste stored outside proper containers

Forest Glen Apartments, Silver Spring
Solid waste stored outside proper containers

Grand Bel II Condominium, Silver Spring
Solid waste stored outside proper containers

Hermitage Square Apartments, Silver Spring
Failure to provide containers for required recyclable materials

Hermitage Woods Condominium, Silver Spring
Failure to submit a Waste Reduction and Recycling Report

Kentlands Ridge Condominium, Gaithersburg
Failure to submit a Waste Reduction and Recycling Report

Key West Condominium, Rockville
Solid waste stored outside proper containers

King's Overlook Condominium, Boyds
Solid waste stored outside proper containers

Montgomery Arms Apartments, Silver Spring
Failure to submit a Waste Reduction and Recycling Report

Northlake Apartments, Germantown
Solid waste stored outside proper containers

Oak Mill Apartments, Germantown
Failure to recycle required materials
Failure to submit a Waste Reduction and Recycling Report
Solid waste stored outside proper containers

Ridgewood Apartments, Silver Spring
Solid waste stored outside proper containers

Silver Spring House Apartments, Silver Spring
Solid waste stored outside proper containers
Failure to submit a Waste Reduction and Recycling Report
Failure to recycle required materials

Sligo Housing Corporation, Silver Spring
Failure to submit a Waste Reduction and Recycling Report

Spring Ridge Apartments, Gaithersburg
Failure to recycle required materials
Failure to provide containers for required recyclable materials

Suburban Tower Apartments, Silver Spring
Failure to submit a Waste Reduction and Recycling Report

Sumner Village Condominium, Bethesda
Failure to submit a Waste Reduction and Recycling Report

Thayer Terrace Apartments, Silver Spring
Solid waste stored outside proper containers

The Colonnade at Kentlands, Gaithersburg
Failure to recycle required materials

The Enclave, Silver Spring
Failure to recycle required materials
Solid waste stored outside proper containers

The Fields of Gaithersburg Apartments, Gaithersburg
Solid waste stored outside proper containers
Failure to provide containers for required recyclable materials

The Verandahs, Montgomery Village
Failure to provide the contract for collection of recyclable materials
Solid waste stored outside proper containers

The Vistas at Washington Woods, Gaithersburg
Failure to provide containers for required recyclable materials*

Tilbury Garden Apartments, Bethesda
Failure to provide containers for required recyclable materials

Timberbrook Condominium, Gaithersburg
Solid waste stored outside proper containers

Towne Crest Apartments and Townhomes, Gaithersburg
Failure to submit a Waste Reduction and Recycling Report

Villa Nova Apartments, Silver Spring
Failure to provide containers for required recyclable materials

Vista at White Oak, Silver Spring
Solid waste stored outside proper containers

Recycling in the Mailroom

Beyond bills, many mailboxes are filled with unwanted solicitations, catalogs, and promotional flyers, many of which residents discard in whatever container is in or near the mailroom, not wanting to bring that clutter into their unit. Why not encourage your residents to recycle their unwanted mail by providing a recycling container in the mailroom/mail box area? If you already have a trash container in the mailroom, see how you can simply convert it to a mixed paper recycling container using labels and a coat of paint. Some properties have provided paper shredders in their mail areas to address resident concerns regarding identity theft. See the photos for examples of how some properties in the county have provided recycling in the mail areas. Think about it... placing recycling containers near resident's mailboxes is one easy, inexpensive way to proactively keep mixed paper out of the trash and have it end up where it belongs, in the recycling bin. Not to forget the first of the three "Rs", you can also encourage your residents to reduce the amount of unwanted mail they receive; download the County's Guide to Reducing Unwanted Mail from the online store on our Web site www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling or call 240-777-6446 to request copies for your residents.



Need more ideas? Here's how some local properties are collecting unwanted mail. From left to right: Kenwood Condominium's paper shredder and unwanted mail recycling container in the mail room; mixed paper recycling slot in the mail room at Blair Towers; mixed paper recycling container near the outdoor mailboxes at The Avalon at Trville.

Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services
 Multi-Family Recycling Program
 Contact: Lauren Kuhn
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 Rockville, Maryland 20850

Important Contact Information
 Division of Solid Waste Services
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www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling
 e-mail: recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov
 Recycling for Multi-Family Properties
 (240) 777-6400
 Recycling for Businesses
 (240) 777-6400
 County Transfer Station
 (240) 777-6560
 County Recycling Center
 (301) 417-1433

*This information is available in an alternate format by calling
 Lauren Kuhn at (240) 777-6400.*

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